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SUBJECT: VISIT TO JAPAN BY THE NATIONAL TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATOR

1. MS. JOAN CLAYBROOK, ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY
TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA) PLANS TO VISIT JAPAN
DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 22 - 27, IF APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS
CAN BE MADE WITH JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS.

2. MS. CLAYBROOK IS INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH AUTOMOBILE
MANUFACTURERS, THEIR SUPPLIERS OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT, GOVERN-
MENT AND INDEPENDENT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS,
HER GOJ COUNTERPART, AND OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE AND HIGHWAY
SAFETY GOVERNMENT EXPERTS AS APPROPRIATE.

3. FOLLOWING ARE SUBJECTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO
MS. CLAYBROOK:

A. NEW INITIATIVES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIMENTAL
SAFETY VEHICLE (ESV) PROGRAM;

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B. PLANNING FOR 7TH INTERNATIONAL ESV CONFERENCE IN
PARIS;

C. US/JAPAN COOPERATIVE RESEARCH SAFETY VEHICLE (RSV)
TEST PROGRAM;

D. COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE IN

SUPPORT OF SAFETY AND FUEL ECONOMY GOALS;

E. NHTSA'S RECENTLY PUBLISHED PRIORITIES AND PROGRAM
PLAN FOR RULEMAKING;

F. IMPLEMENTATION OF CURRENT U.S. PASSIVE RESTRAINT
AND FLEET FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS;

G. APPROACHES TO VEHICLE AND HIGHWAY SAFETY FOUND
SUCCESSFUL IN JAPAN.

4. MS. CLAYBROOK VISITED EUROPE DURING NOVEMBER 1977 TO
HOLD SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS WITH EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS AND
INDUSTRY. WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JAPANESE
AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (JAMA) HAVE REQUESTED
THAT MS. CLAYBROOK VISIT JAPAN AS SHE DID EUROPE. THE
ORGANIZATION HAS OFFERED TO ASSIST IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS.

5. MS. CLAYBROOK, ACCOMPANIED BY TWO STAFF MEMBERS, IS
PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN FIVE OR SIX FULL DAYS OF MEET-
INGS AND DISCUSSIONS. TENTATIVE ARRIVAL WOULD BE EVENING
OF 21 MAY, DEPARTURE ON 27 OR 28 MAY.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, JAMA AND OTH-
ER INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS AS APPROPRIATE AND DETERMINE
IF IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE THIS VISIT FOR PERIOD
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